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Gilbert: M-24 Road Expansion Critical to Lapeer County

Senate Transportation Chair Displeased with MDOT's Deferment Plan

(LANSING) – The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) decision to defer lane expansion plans for M-24 is disappointing and untimely for the citizens of Lapeer County, state Senator Jud Gilbert announced today.

“Due to its proximity to metro Detroit and Flint, Lapeer County is one of the fastest growing areas in our state,” Gilbert, R-Algonac, said. “Lane expansion of this specific section of M-24 is crucial to traffic flow, commercial growth and motorist safety in our area. It is my sincere hope that MDOT will reconsider its decision to suspend this project.”

One of only two Lapeer County projects included in MDOT's most recent Five Year Highway and Bridge Program, the M-24 lane addition would stretch from the southern county line to Interstate 69.

Local officials have identified M-24 expansion as a priority in their discussions with MDOT for two decades.

Its inclusion in the Five Year Plan gave hope to local citizens and businesses that this nine mile stretch would soon be brought up to the level of quality necessary to meet increasing traffic demands.

Gilbert, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, recently composed a letter to MDOT Director Gloria Jeff urging her and the department to reconsider this portion of its project deferment policy.